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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to Establish a Distributed Energy

Resource Program **Docket No. 2015-55-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC") proposal to amend its tariff for the Shared Solar Program ("Program") as detailed in its October 9, 2018, letter filed in the aforementioned docket.

The current Program tariff limits the maximum amount of capacity for which an individual customer may contract to only the customer's total annual energy consumption. This could permit some of DEC's larger customers to contract for a significant amount of the capacity available through the Program to the exclusion of other customers. To advance DEC's objective of diverse participation in the Program, DEC proposes to limit the capacity available to individual participants to 500 kilowatts, or the customer's estimated annual energy usage, whichever is less.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

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